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ASK BEFORE YOU ACT

MOHICAN CHAPTER HOME BUREAU

When the snow melts and Spring emerges, flowers bloom, trees bud, and back-hoes mark the start of new growth.

From now until the return of snow, building projects are started with and without building permits, in compliance and in violation of the Town of Hague's Zoning Ordinance.

On December 12, 1977, after long consideration and following a public hearing, the Town of Hague adopted the Zoning Ordinance.

Again, on March 8, 1983, after a public hearing, revisions to this Ordinance were duly adopted by the Hague Town Board. It is a legal document and violation of these laws can result in fines and/or imprisonment. It is not a matter of whether one approves or disapproves of the laws; if, or until the laws are changed, they are the law.

Prior to sub-dividing, altering, constructing, changing or installing septic systems on ANY property located in the Town of Hague, a call to Planning Administrator William Foster can prevent future headaches for all. He will review your plans and inform you if any permits are needed. Call the Town Hall between 8 and noon, or 1 to 5 (518-543-6161) for an appointment, or stop in, Mon. thru Fri. from 9 to noon. Taking legal action against property owners is unpleasant and expensive to the Town and to the individual. Ask before you act!

The Ordinance is available for inspection at the Town Hall and was adopted to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community and to protect property values and aesthetics of the community...ac

This popular womens' organization was started in Hague in 1951. Betty Decker, Ada Hoyt and Gert Herrick (now residing in Ti) were charter members. New faces in Hague and women from Ti area have caused the membership to fluctuate. It now stands at 43.

Although in 1983 craft work enjoys a great popularity (a Home Bureau Chapter in Cambridge, NY has taken the name "Witchcrafters") the original business was to do just what the name implies, MAKE THE HOME A BETTER PLACE. One meeting was devoted to Meals for the Unexpected Guest, still a timely topic. (No microwave ovens in those days.)

Associated with the County Home Extension Bureau, members would attend and still do, Work Shops in the winter months and bring back special cooking or sewing techniques to the local group. Cornell has sent much valued help through the years in tailoring, making of slip covers, diverse newest cooking skills, etc.

If you have not visited the Hancock House at the Circle in Ti, do so soon and view the Bicentennial quilt on display. Each of the 42 blocks has been initialed by the Home Bureau artist of the Mohican Chapter. It is a work of beauty.

And so Home Bureau continues to flourish, helping out the community as it has for many years...mb

* DATES TO REMEMBER *
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* BASS TOURNAMENT - June 17 - 19 *
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* FOURTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY SOCIAL *
* JUNE 25 *

EDUCATION
OUR NATION'S MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Two of your CHRONICLE reporters were among the lucky ones to hear an exciting teacher, Dr. Harry Wong, speak at a meeting of Essex County School Boards Assoc. on May 11 at SUNY, Plattsburgh. Dr. Wong is a science teacher at Menlo Park, CA, the heart of Silicone Valley. At age 51 he has been teaching for 27 years.

In a two hour talk he held the close attention of more than 200 listeners. It is obvious that Dr. Wong succeeds in the same way with his students, always reminding them that humans are the only living things capable of improving the quality of their lives. He pointed out that his success is based on his own experience plus the research of other educators.

Herewith a few of the principles:
DISCIPLINE: Set rules, penalties and rewards. Provide OBJECTIVES for each lesson. Give several SHORT lessons. TEST often to evaluate the performance throughout a lesson. The teacher can lead the students to the point in a lesson where they want to know more. Then they will read more. The teacher can help the student to arrive at a good self-image. LEARNING takes place when knowledge is applied and there is a change in behavior. When no learning takes place, no change takes place and there is no improvement in the quality of one's life...no improvement in one's future. Good teachers and good parents must work to make each child want to learn within his capacity...BDG

HAGUE IN '31

In the June 30, 1931 issue of The Saratogian, which was unearthed recently in Saratoga Springs, the following story was reported.

"There was a major raid on a distillery at Hague on Lake George. Federal agents, assisted by NY State troopers, burst into a supposedly abandoned garage in Hague and found an elaborate still. Now this was not some back-woods operation to make home brew, but a major distillery to make illegal alcohol for sale to the summer road houses of the area.

"Five men were arrested and agents found 35,000 gallons of mash, four

3,000-gallon vats, four 5,000-gallon vats and hundreds of gallons of alcohol. The still was capable of making 3,000 gallons of bootleg liquor and was thought to be one of the major distillery operations in the Adirondacks!..Quoted from Don Metvier's column in the Glens Falls Post Star

SCHOOL BOARD

A special Board of Education meeting was held on May 10 to provide a Public Hearing for the School Budget. Not more than 7 or 8 persons from the community attended. Dr. Verdone outlined the tentative budget, showing slides that pinpointed expenditures in comparison to last year's. Most of the increase in this year's budget is due to a big jump in health insurance and increases in salaries. More revisions will be made to the budget and it will be brought before the Board for approval on Tuesday, May 17 at its regular monthly meeting.

The proposed budget for the 1983-84 school year amounts to \$4,950,543.00. There will be another budget hearing on June 2 at 7:30 PM. The annual meeting will be held on June 14 at 7:30 pm and the budget vote and election of Board of Education members will be held on June 15 in the high school lobby from 1 - 8 PM. There are three seats open for Board members and eight candidates for these seats.

Dr. Verdone reported on the National Commission's Report on Excellence in Education. He pointed out that Ticonderoga has long emphasized basics. Of 130 senior students, 89 have taken 3 years of Math, 108, Science and all students take four years of English. The high school fulfills the NY State Regents requirements in Math, Reading and Writing. Ti introduced computer courses five years ago, well ahead of many in the nation. (See p. 3 WHIZ KIDS)...BDG

FISH AND GAME CLUB

The next meeting of the Hague Fish and Game Club will be held on May 17 at the club house. Members wishing to renew their memberships may do so at the Hague Super Market or at Bywater Coffee Shop. Art Steitz is the membership chairman. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. New members are welcome.

TOWN BOARD 5-10-83

WHIZ KIDS

Councilman Aaron Middleton reported that there are numerous items in the school building that could be sold. This may be done, either by bid or auction, this summer.

Councilman Robert Patchett said that numerous windows had been broken in the school and that the school grounds have been cleaned of debris. He recommended that an outdoor asphalt basketball court be built, the area lighted, and the road to the school locked at night. The cost is estimated to be \$1,000.

Highway superintendent Dan Belden reported that a section of road in front of the Gelhaar home on Sabbath Day Pt. is in danger of collapse and 9N, in front of Holman Hill has dropped 18 inches. The State has been informed of the 9N problem, and the Town is working on the Sabbath Day Point problem.

The Town Board passed three resolutions that begin the legal process to have three burned-out trailers removed, as they have been deemed dangerous.

Robert Patchett, reading from a prepared statement, said: "Due to the unsuitable land use plan we have for the Hamlet of Hague to cover specific problems we have in town I make a motion that the Town Board review 'self-rule' of Adirondack Park Agency plan. I would in this review go over the possibility of asking the A.P.A. to go back to the original design of administering, policing and financing the A.P.A. Plan." He stated that he was making this motion because of the cost to the Town of a Planning Administrator, legal services and notices, plus clerical expenses. The motion was passed.

Ed. Note: The Planning Administrator's salary has been paid by the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board since this position was created; this funding will cease on 6-30-83. The Town will pay one-half of the \$5,000 annual salary for 1983, or \$2,500. LC-LG Planning Board pays for all clerical help. Legal notices to date in '83 total \$55.03 and legal fees for ALL Town related matters for a 6-month period total approximately \$2,000...ac

Ticonderoga students captured four out of a possible nine awards at the Third Annual International Computer Problem Solving Competition on May 1 at the Foothills Computer Company in Glens Falls. Six schools competed and Ti students placed in each of the three divisions in which they were enrolled.

In the Jr. Division (Grades 7-9) Robbie Gautreau, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tim Gautreau of Hague, with two team members, captured third prize.

Honorable mention certificate was given to Jason Plass, son of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Plass, Sabbath Day Pt. in the Elementary Division (Grades 4-6). Congratulations to both of these Hague students...djh

CHALLENGING ASSESSMENTS

A recent letter to the CHRONICLE suggested that at least one Grievance Day should be in July or August for those people who are not in the area on the third Tuesday in June. The Town Assessors' calendar is established by the County Charter and is not set locally. "The law specifies that a non-resident owner may file a written demand for a list of his or her property, the assessed value and the time and place for hearing complaints. This request must be made no later than 15 days before the date required by law for completion and filing of the tentative assessment roll. (June 1) The assessor must mail the information to you no later than five days after the completion of the tentative roll.

"The Board of Assessment Review must set a date no later than 21 days after Grievance Day for the hearing of a non-resident's complaint, upon application by the non-resident on or before Grievance Day." (June 21, 1983).

Feb., 1983 NY State Edition of: HOW TO CHALLENGE YOUR ASSESSMENT...ac

Life is like an onion; you peel off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep.

...Carl Sandburg

FATHERS' DAY - JUNE 19

ANOTHER SPECTACULAR ACCIDENT ON ROUTE 8

It was a hazy, peaceful morning, the last Friday of an April that had been more like winter than spring. School children at the top of the four-mile hill that descends from Graphite to the junction of Routes 8 and 9N in Hague had not yet stepped out of their houses to catch the school bus. However, students who live on the lower part of the hill, east of Summit Drive, were being picked up by Darrell Frasier, Ticonderoga School bus driver, as he piloted the bus up the steep, winding road.

Mrs. Taffy Marcotte, Post-Star route carrier, was late on her rounds that morning and she was following the bus, waiting at each stop as children got on board. As Darrell proceeded she noticed he gradually went slower and slower, then came to a halt just below Elaine Frasier's house. Perhaps there was mechanical difficulty, or an animal in the road, she thought. Then Taffy peered around the bus and saw a startling sight. It looked as though a whole lumber yard was strewn on the highway! In the ditch a tractor cab lay completely crushed, with its wheels toward the sky, like a kitten resting on its back, with its feet poised for play.

Two older students emerged from the bus and tried to determine what had happened. They were dismayed by the total silence. Was the driver crushed in the cab? Was he injured and thrown from the vehicle onto Frasier's lawn or into the woods? Had aid been summoned? Taffy rushed to the scene and was puzzled also.

Since noone appeared to be in the vicinity, Taffy ran to Elaine's house to call for help. There, in the kitchen, dripping blood from numerous superficial wounds, was a young Canadian, French-speaking truck driver, who had miraculously escaped death, having jumped a split second before the rig overturned. Elaine was so distraught that speech came haltingly, but she told Taffy that she and her mother had been eating breakfast by a window that overlooks the road when they saw their fence being "mowed down" by a load of lumber which was tossed in the air. As the airborne lumber landed it became strewn helter skelter for 70 yards down the highway. Elaine said she already had called her son, Dick Frasier,

at the Lakeshore Garage and that help was on its way.

The Hague Volunteer Ambulance Squad arrived and took the trucker to Moses Ludington Hospital, where he was treated and released. State Police closed the highway for almost nine hours while a crew directed by Dick cleared the debris and removed the demolished rig. Dr. Joseph Verdone, Ticonderoga School Superintendent, was at the scene to evaluate safety conditions of the bus route.

All concerned once again remarked that the hill from Graphite down to Hague is dangerously deceptive and truckers with large loads misjudge the hazard. Those who drive the road every day know all too well its treacherous twists and turns. This recent episode has caused many to whisper, ominously, "It's a miracle no one was killed!" Perhaps tractor trailers should be prohibited from descending this dangerous hill.

...Laura Meade

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR USERS OF HAGUE SANITARY LANDFILL

Landfill use stickers are now available during office hours at the Town Hall. A use sticker must be displayed on the inside of the window on the driver's side of any vehicle using the landfill.

In order to apply for a use sticker(s) one must bring car registration(s) to Diane at the Town Hall, who will register same and issue sticker(s). This plan will go into effect immediately and cars without stickers may be refused the use of the landfill.

The landfill will be open during the following hours:

April 24 - June 26: 8 AM - 4:30 daily. Closed Mondays.

June 27 - Sept. 11 - Open 7 days a week, 8 AM - 4:30 PM

Sept. 12 - Oct. 30: 8:00 AM-4:30 daily. Closed Mondays

Winter schedule will be announced at a later date.

This time like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it...Emerson

CARE OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A well-designed, properly constructed and installed septic system that has the septic tank inspected and maintained, can serve a home owner satisfactorily. One that functions improperly can become a neighborhood health menace. In the Lake George Watershed any pollutant entering the lake directly or near a brook, stream or tributary is a violation.

The purpose of a septic tank is to receive household wastes. The solids settle to the bottom of the tank and the liquid passes into the leaching field where it seeps out and is absorbed into the soil. If the leaching field receives surface water run-off, it cannot do its job. Ditching or diverting the surface water is a MUST.

Conserve water whenever possible and limit the use of bleach since the designed function of the tank will be void due to the killing of the bacteria formation in the tank.

Proper maintenance procedure calls for the septic tank to be inspected at least once a year. The frequency with which it must be cleaned depends on the size of the tank, the daily flow of sewage into it from the home, and the number of people it serves. If a garbage disposer is used, more frequent cleaning will be required. When the total depth of scum and solids exceeds 1/3 the liquid depth of the tank, the solids should be removed.

When the tank is neglected, solids fill it up and flow into the leaching system, where they stop the flow of liquid wastes. The system is now clogged and must be uncovered, cleaned, and relocated. This can be avoided by periodic inspection and cleaning of the septic tank.

Heavy trucks or equipment should not move over the area where septic tanks and leaching fields are located as they damage the system. Source: US Dept. of Health, Ed. & Welfare ...ac

The Hague Historical Society at its April meeting featured the Art of Scrimshaw. Presented by Bob Cole, with exhibits from his collection, the history and economics of "whaling" came alive.

At the May meeting - May 18, 7:30 PM, Dorothy Henry will speak on the life of Joseph Henry (no relation), who, among other noteworthy distinctions (e.g. 1st secretary of the Smithsonian) invented the electro-magnet which made possible the mining operations at the old Iron Mines at Ironville.

In June, the author of THE SEXTON BOAT BUILDERS OF HAGUE is tentatively scheduled. The Nominating Committee will present a slate for next year's officers. All Hague residents are invited to take part in these meetings which begin with a social period at 7:30 PM...BDG

GLORIOUS SPRINGTIME?

I do not long for Paris in the Springtime, or wish to go Down to Kew in Lilac Time - I do wish to complain about the weather, if anyone cares to listen.

Reports:

8 a.m. May 9 Friends Point from AC - Temperature 40°.

8 a.m. May 9 Graphite - from MB - Temperature 29°.

May 10 - Graphite - Must brush off 1/2 inch SNOW from car 7 A.M.

Once more we'll put our aching backs against the Zeigler (heater) and know for sure that tomorrow will be a Picture Post card day. Ah Graphite, the Beauty spot of the Adirondacks. I'm still convinced of that.

Report: Once again it's snowing May 11 at 7:45 A.M. in Graphite..NB

Having survived a barrel ride over Niagara Falls in 1911 that broke "nearly every bone" in his body, Bobby Leech later slipped on a banana peel and died of complications from the fall.

...From Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts

TIPS FOR OUR GARDENING FRIENDS

April of '83 has shown us every trick its weather maker could conjure up. 14½ inches of snow fell upon us as well as many inches of rain. There was hail, very strong wind, 2 sleet storms and even lightning and thunder. Gardens may be a little later this year as most are still too wet to work up. Often a wet spring will cause some seeds to rot unless we wait until the ground dries out and becomes warmer.

I like to grow eggplant. Black Beauty variety is hardy and does well in this area. Seeds should be soaked overnight before planting. Dig a trench about 3" deep, sprinkle 5-10-5 fertilizer lightly in bottom and cover up with 2½ inches of dirt. Press seeds lightly into soil and cover with thin layer of dirt, firm down and water well. At blossom time and 10 days afterward, mix up some epsom salts with water and spray directly on plants and blossoms. This provides magnesium needed by eggplant to help set the fruit and give a healthy plant.

Cole plants, that is cabbage, brussel sprouts, etc. need to be started inside and transplanted about the third or last week of May into your garden. By placing 5-10-5 fertilizer 2 or 3 inches below your plants you will not damage or burn the plant. A little hard wood ashes mixed in at transplant time will help prevent root maggots. It is important that you break off the bottom leaves of cole plants before transplanting to your garden. By wrapping a strip of newspaper around each stalk (bury about 1" under ground and leave 1" above ground) it will prevent cut worms from destroying your plants.

Peppers are also a lot of fun to grow and eat. I prefer the California Wonder bell pepper. Do not break any leaves off the pepper plants as you do the cabbage. Peppers require a more acid soil than most any other garden plant. They should be set quite deeply in the ground (nearly to first leaf). Holes should be spaced about 15" apart in rows and fertilizer put in bottom of each hole, covered with about 2" of dirt before setting plant in. By placing three or four unburned book matches in the hole it will lower the Ph (acidity measure).

As the sulphur decays it creates enough acid to make pepper plants do well.

Weather predictions for May do not look favorable for early planting. Frost and snow is still possible.

By the time we hear the whippoorwill three times, they say it is safe to plant corn.

Happy gardening...Fran Waters

FOOD AND RUMMAGE SALE

Don't forget the Fire Department's food and rummage sale next Thurs, Fri, and Sat, May 19, 20, & 21 from 10 - 2 at the Firehouse..

The Firehouse will be open on May 16, 17 and 18 from 8:30 - 12:00 to receive your donations, or call 543-6029 afternoons or evenings for pick-up.

HAGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Hague Chamber of Commerce will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 1 at the Silver Bay Lodge. A covered dish dinner will be held at 6:30 PM, immediately followed by a business meeting. All members are welcome and should contact Kathy Santaniello, 543-6441 to let her know what they would like to bring to the dinner...K. Santaniello

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DANCE PROGRAM

To help celebrate National Dance Week (April 25-29), the TI Elementary School presented a dance program featuring the dances of different countries. Each grade, including Kindergarten, chose a country and with the help of their physical education and regular teachers, learned a dance from that country.

It was a fun afternoon for all ending with a wild and woolly Mexican Hat Dance performed by the entire student body...djh

Patience is something you admire greatly in the driver behind you, but not in the one ahead of you.

...Anonymous

SOUNDINGS

BORN - A girl, Katherine Grace, to Debbie and John Breitenbach, Jr. of Ticonderoga, on April 22 at Porter Medical Center, Middlebury, VT. Grandparents are Jan and John Breitenbach, Silver Bay.

BORN - A boy, Tyler Roger, to Kay and Walter Wells, Split Rock Rd. on May 11 at Moses Ludington Hospital. Grandmother - Margaret Wells, Hague.

DIED - Betty P. Spelman, 57, of Silver Bay on April 25 in Glens Falls Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Louis Jr. and two sons, Martin and Scott.

DIED - Rev. William Parkinson of Silver Bay and Warrenton, VA, on April 26.

DIED - Jack Romano on his 73rd birthday April 28 in Cape Coral, FL. Mr. Romano was the former owner of Romano's Restaurant, now known as Eddie's Old Tavern. He is survived by his wife Marie.

DIED - Florence Kley, former resident of Cape Cod Village, Hague, on April 30 in Naples, FL. She is survived by her husband, John and a daughter.

POP MARTIN, Indian Kettles celebrated his 92nd birthday on April 22. (And still fit as a fiddle)

Two high school students from Hague won cash awards for their essays on Lord Jeffrey Amherst. MIKE MEOLA, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Meola won \$25 third prize and LISA CAPONE, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Andreassen won \$25 fourth place award. The prizes were donated by Vincent Salierno.

THERESA DAVIS, daughter of Donald Davis, Hague, graduated on May 14 from SUNY at Cortland with a degree in Therapeutic Recreation.

TRACY MONTGOMERY CLOTHIER has been named project coordinator for the LGA. Tracy, was a former summer resident of Glenburnie and active in NLGYC.

TI HIGH HONORS

The following Hague students are listed on the Third Quarter Honor Roll at Ticonderoga High School:

Jennifer Fitzgerald; Rudolph Meola; Jeff Plass; Michelle Snyder; Norma Strum; Tim Strum.

Congratulations to these students from the staff of THE HAGUE CHRONICLE, on their achievements.

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* NEW FLAG FOR TOWN HALL *
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* Hague's Congressman Gerald *
* Solomon has presented the *
* town with a flag and a cer- *
* tificate showing that this *
* particular flag flew over *
* the capitol in Washington, *
* DC on March 28, 1983. *
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VA

Mr. Fiore of the VA will not be available for counseling in Hague on either May 12 or May 19. He will be in the Town Hall on Thursdays, May 26 and June 2 at 11 AM.

SPRING SPORTS

The following students from Hague are participating in the spring athletic program at THS:

- Varsity Baseball - ARTHUR BELDEN;
- TIM DENNO; RUDY MEOLA
- JV Baseball - DANNY BELDEN; JEFF PLASS
- Girls' Softball - TINA BELDEN;
- KATY LAUNDREE
- Golf - JOE LAPANN; TIM STRUM
- Track - XAVIER CARRION; MIKE MEOLA; MIKE STORMER; TAMMY YAW

We must each paint our Rainbow from the colors we've been given.
...Joan Walsh Anglund

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MAY AND JUNE

MAY

- 17 Home Bureau - Last meeting of year
- 17 Board of Education - 7:30 PM
- 17 Fish & Game Club - 7:30 PM (p. 2)
- 18 Hague Historical Society - 7:30 (p 5)
- 18 High School Spring Concert - 8:00 PM
High School Auditorium
- 19 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 19, 20, 21 - Food and Rummage Sale (p 6)
- 21 ARMED FORCES DAY
- 26 Veterans' Administrator - 11:00 (p 7)
- 27 Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 PM
- 30 MEMORIAL DAY - HOLIDAY
- BASS TOURNAMENT JUNE 17-19

JUNE

- 2 Sr. Citizens Bus to Glens Falls
- 2 Planning Board - 7:30 PM
- 2 School Budget Hearing - 7:30 PM (p 2)
- 11 & 12 Arts & Crafts Festival sponsored
by Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council
in Glens Falls City Park - 10 - 5PM
- 14 Annual School District meeting - 7:30
High School Cafeteria (p 2)
- 14 FLAG DAY
- 15 School budget vote and election of
School Board members - 1-8 PM (p 2)
- STRAWBERRY SOCIAL JUNE 25

MY FLAG

I found a star upon the ground --
Some tattered stripes were scattered 'round--
My eyes climbed up the tall straight pole
And saw more remnants of my soul.

Last year that flag was flying high
And pride was reaching to the sky;
At night its folds were gently curled
'Til morning's colors came unfurled

Why was it tended, then untended?
In a moment, glory ended?
What love was suddenly turned off
And fell away from peak to trough?

It's time we take a deeper look
Into our nation's golden book
And understand and give applause
To those broad stripes and brilliant
stars.

...Harry deBuys 5/4/83

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